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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action mailed on May 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply that expired on August 24, 2006, and is extended for a period of three (3) months to expire on November 24, 2006, please consider entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.